

**“Rock Art” Featured at Keep Sedona Beautiful, Inc.’s  
Wednesday Speaker Series on May 16**

“*Rock Art - Getting Beyond What it Means*” will be the topic at Keep Sedona Beautiful, Inc.’s monthly *Preserving the Wonder™* Speaker Series on Wednesday, May 16. The doors will open with complimentary wine and snacks at 5:30 pm. The presentation will begin at 5:45 pm.

“Rock Art” - the images produced by pre-literate cultures - evokes the unanswerable question - “What does it mean?” The evening’s presenter, Michael Peach, who has been a Sedona-based interpreter of cultural and natural resources for more than twenty-five years, will offer meaningful insights as to why human beings in primitive societies would produce pictorial images and what role, if any, did their locations play. While it is true that we can claim no absolute certainty regarding the motivations of prehistoric peoples, archaeology and ethnography have given us a strong foundation upon which to base our suppositions. Peach will also discuss the concepts of superimposition, symbol combinations and juxtapositions, symbol condensation, expressions of transformation and duality, rock incorporation (the deliberate inclusion of the rock surface’s physical features into the meaning of the inscription) and multi-culturalism (additions, modifications, or defacement by later groups).

Native Arizonan Michael Peach has been an instructor in the NAU Theatre and Honors programs, and for Yavapai College. He is a Certified Interpretive Trainer with the National Association for Interpretation and has been a guest speaker for Coconino National Forest Archaeology events. He has also been a Living History trainer for National Park Service Grand Canyon Interpretive classes, and has been featured in *Legacy Magazine*, *Sedona Magazine*, *Arizona Highways*, *Lifestyles Magazine*, the *Sedona Visitors Guide*, and the *Insider’s Guide to Sedona*.

Keep Sedona Beautiful welcomes the community and visitors alike to its free monthly *Preserving the Wonder™* Speaker Series, which takes place at its historic Pushmataha Center on 360 Brewer Road in Sedona. Held the third Wednesday each month from September to June, typically beginning at 5:30 pm with wine and snacks, the series presents an interesting diversity of programs relevant to the unique environment of our region. Keep Sedona Beautiful, Inc. is a nonprofit organization that, by acting through the stewardship of its members and volunteers, is committed to protecting and sustaining the unique scenic beauty and natural environment of the Greater Sedona Area. For more information about Keep Sedona Beautiful, please call 928.282.4938, or visit <http://www.keeppedonabeautiful.org/>.